

HOME FOR LIFE

CAMPAIGN FOR A PERMANENT HOME FOR LIFEHOUSE

Lifehouse has served the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities since 1954. In this time Lifehouse has evolved from a small school launched by parents who believed their children could live and learn well in the community, to a thriving organization serving more than 300 adults and 50 children. Lifehouse believes all individuals deserve the right to independent lives filled with integrity, joy and aspiration. Its array of services support this belief and offer different approaches to meet the requirements of each individual.



“ I find myself reflecting on the countless lives that Lifehouse has touched, enriched and improved over all these years. One can only imagine the cumulative life benefits that have been offered to these many individuals and families.

***You’ve crafted your services with a demonstrable belief in the positive potential for each life you touch, and you’ve done so with an overarching tone of respect and kindness. This is a time to pause for reflection on how much these characteristics have meant to your clients, and also how much this has meant to the humanity and vitality of the whole community.*”**

**Thomas Peters, Ph.D., President & CEO
Marin Community Foundation**

Independence has been a cornerstone of Lifehouse’s work, particularly in the past 20 years. From developing new programs to testing technologies, Lifehouse strives to provide the means for each member of its community to thrive and achieve as much independence as possible throughout their lives.

Today Lifehouse is building its own foundation and independence for life. Lifehouse will acquire and refurbish an 9,190 sq. ft. office building in San Rafael. Owning the building will help control operating costs and provide Lifehouse a permanent home from which to offer its life-time services.



The acquisition of an office space for Lifehouse offers several advantages over leasing office space for its growing staff:

- Lifehouse is a vital resource for the San Francisco Bay Area. Building ownership stabilizes the organization’s long-term presence in the region where it serves individuals with developmental disabilities for lifetimes of required care.
- The redesigned floor plans maximize the building’s available space by utilizing a variety of workspace styles. With this acquisition and renovation, Lifehouse is set up for continued expansion and growth.
- As Lifehouse meets its Building Campaign goals, annual occupancy costs will decline from current levels.
- Training rooms with flexible seating structures will provide trainings not only for Lifehouse participants and staff but also for other care providers in the special-needs community, leveraging Lifehouse’s expertise and experience to assist other organizations serving similar populations.
- The permanent “home” for Lifehouse professionalizes the services and providers of this sector.
- The permanent home also offers the Bay Area a symbol of its diversity, optimism and the dignity it affords a traditionally “unseen” community.

Lifehouse employs 350 individuals, most of whom are direct care providers to the over 350 individuals who receive services from Lifehouse. The new building will house staff and provide touchdown work stations, training center and support-team meeting areas for the direct care providers.

FUND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The campaign’s Fund Development Plan is structured to raise \$4.3 million over the next five years (2019 to 2023), for purchase and renovation.

PROJECT LEADERSHIP

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